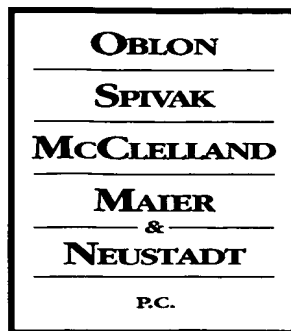


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SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT (3 PP.)**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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In response to the Office Action mailed January 15, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-29 for further prosecution.

**REMARKS**

The Office has restricted this application as follows under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-29, drawn to compounds of formula (1) and compositions thereof;

Group II. Claim 30, drawn to a method of using compounds of Claim 1; and

Group III. Claims 31-34, drawn to processes of making compounds of Claim 1.

Applicants have elected Group I, Claims 1-29 with traverse.

Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that the claims of Groups II and III are directly dependent on Claim 1 (Group I), and as such are inseparable

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